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Violent Death  
Reporting System  
Guilford County 2004 – 2007

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## Background and Acknowledgements

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded state-wide surveillance system that collects detailed information on deaths resulting from violence: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention, and deaths for which intent could not be determined. NC-VDRS is a multi-source system that gathers information from death certificates, medical examiner reports, and law enforcement reports. The goal of this system is to aid researchers, legislators, and community interest groups in the development of public health prevention strategies to reduce violent deaths. NC-VDRS began collecting data in January, 2004. This document summarizes findings from Guilford County, North Carolina that occurred from 2004 to 2007.

A Statewide Annual Report for 2007 will be completed by summer of 2010. More information can be found at: [www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm](http://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm).

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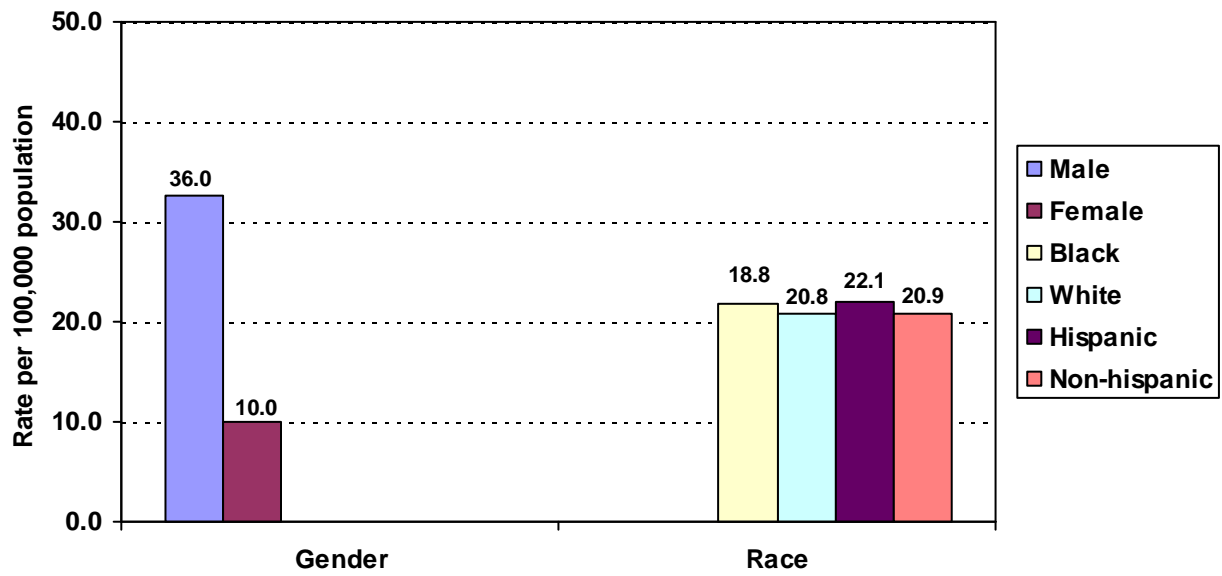
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## SECTION I: OVERALL

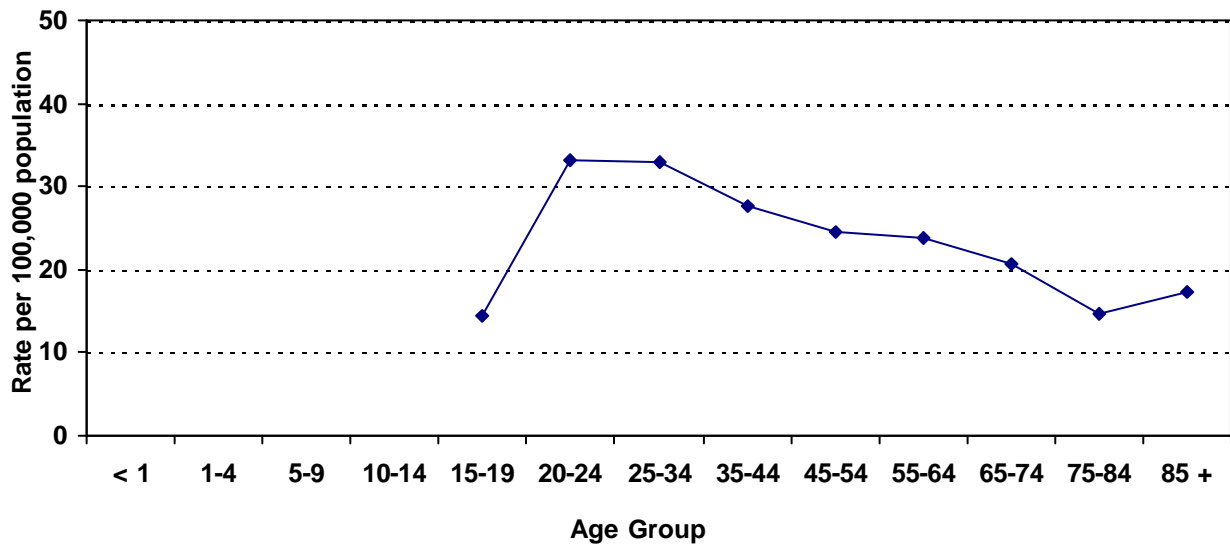
Table 1: Gender, Race, and Age Group of Violent Death Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
<b>Gender</b>					
	Male	283	75.1	32.7	28.9 - 36.5
	Female	94	24.9	10.0	8.0 – 12.0
<b>Race</b>					
	American Indian	4	1.1	*	*
	Asian	6	1.6	10.2	2.0 - 18.4
	Black	124	32.9	21.9	18.0 - 25.8
	White	242	64.2	20.8	18.2 - 23.4
	Other	1	0.3	*	*
<b>Hispanic</b>					
	Hispanic	22	5.8	22.1	12.9 - 31.3
	Non-Hispanic	355	94.2	20.9	18.7 - 23.1
<b>Age Group</b>					
	< 1	3	0.8	*	*
	1 - 4	2	0.5	*	*
	5 - 9	1	0.3	*	*
	10 - 14	4	1.1	*	*
	15 - 19	19	5.0	14.5	8.0 – 21.0
	20 - 24	43	11.4	33.1	23.2 – 43.0
	25 - 34	80	21.2	32.9	25.7 - 40.1
	35 - 44	75	19.9	27.6	21.3 - 33.9
	45 - 54	64	17.0	24.6	18.6 - 30.6
	55 - 64	47	12.5	23.9	17.1 - 30.7
	65 - 74	23	6.1	20.7	12.2 - 29.2
	75 - 84	11	2.9	14.7	6.0 - 23.4
	85 +	5	1.3	17.4	2.1 - 32.7
<b>Total Deaths</b>		<b>377</b>	<b>100</b>		

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### Overall Violent Death Rates by Gender and Race, Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007



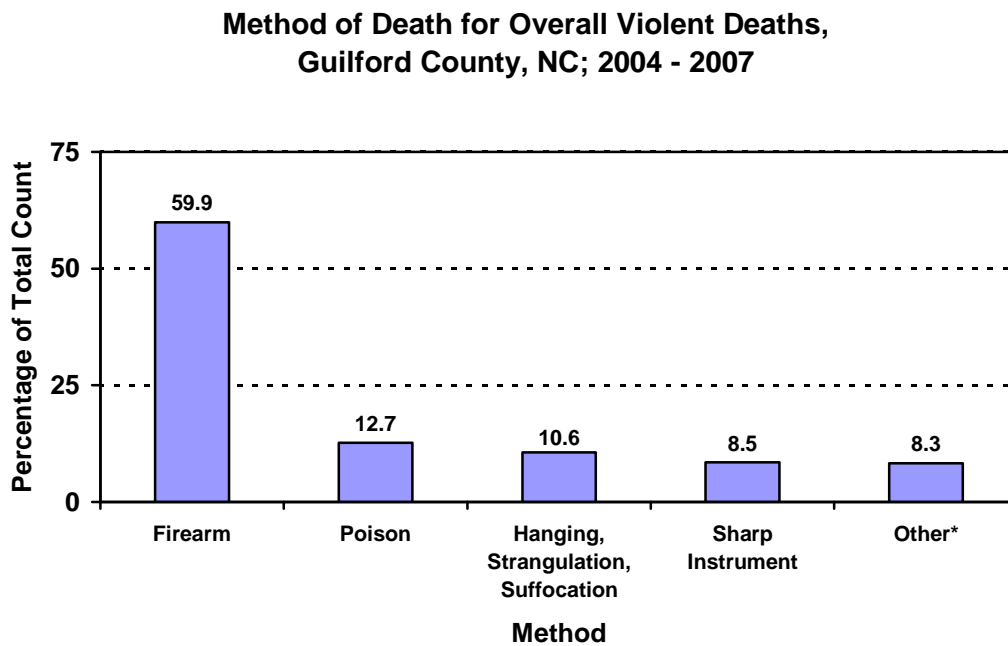
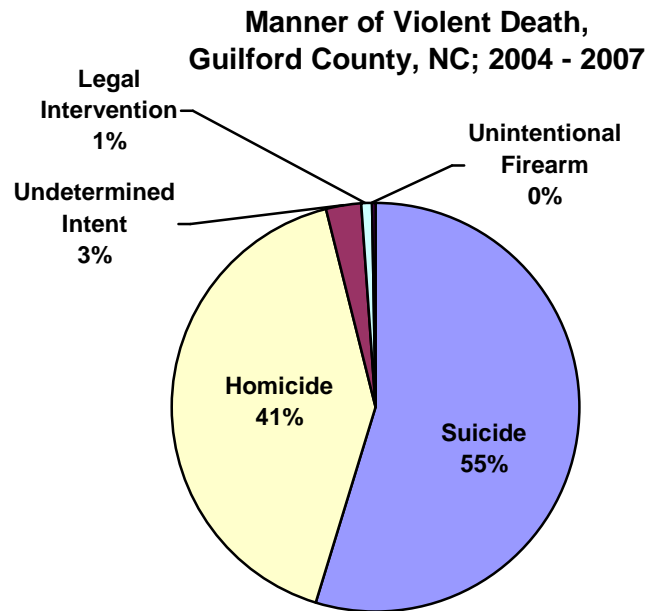
### Overall Violent Death Rates by Age, Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007



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**Table 2: Manner and Method of Violent Death Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

		Number	%
<b>Manner of Death</b>			
	Suicide	207	54.9
	Homicide	156	41.4
	Undetermined Intent	10	2.7
	Legal Intervention	3	0.8
	Unintentional Firearm	1	0.3
<b>Method</b>			
	Firearm	226	59.9
	Poisoning	48	12.7
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	40	10.6
	Sharp Instrument	32	8.5
	Blunt Instrument	9	2.4
	Unarmed Assault	8	2.1
	Fall	4	1.1
	Fire or Burns	4	1.1
	Other Transport Vehicle	2	0.5
	Violent Shaking	2	0.5
	Drowning	1	0.3
	Unknown	1	0.3
<b>Total Deaths</b>		<b>377</b>	<b>100</b>



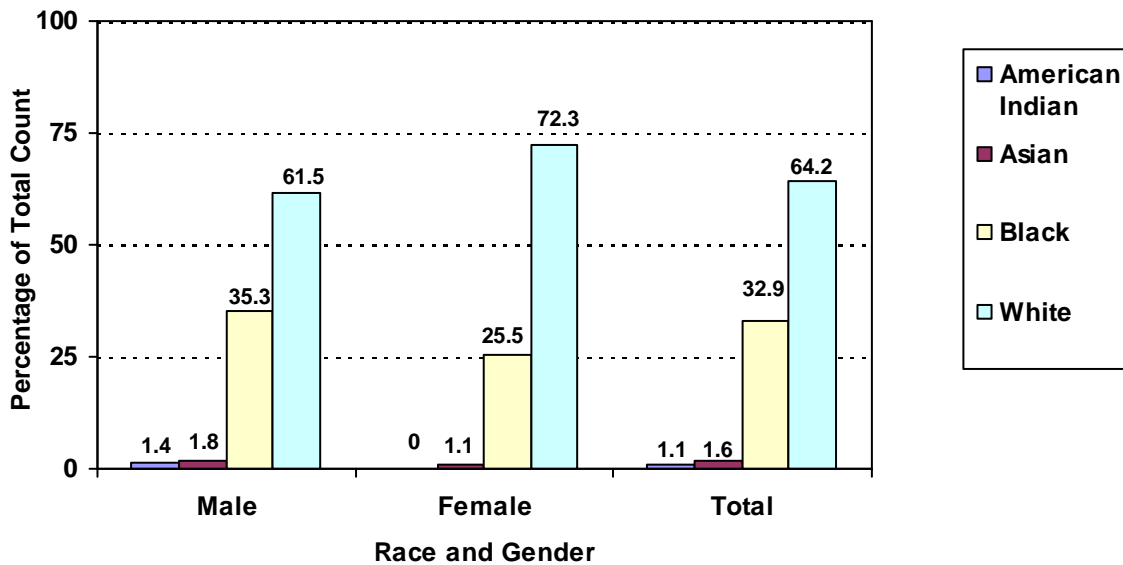
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**Table 3: Race by Gender of Violent Death Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

	Male				Female				Total	
	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%
Race										
American Indian	4	1.4	*	*	0	0	*	*	4	1.1
Asian	5	1.8	16.8	2.1 - 31.5	1	1.1	*	*	6	1.6
Black	100	35.3	38.2	30.7 - 45.7	24	25.5	7.9	4.7 - 11.1	124	32.9
White	174	61.5	30.6	26.0 - 35.2	68	72.3	11.4	8.7 - 14.1	242	64.2
Other/ Unknown	0	0	*	*	1	1.1	*	*	1	0.3
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>377</b>	<b>100</b>

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**Race by Gender of Violent Death Victims,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

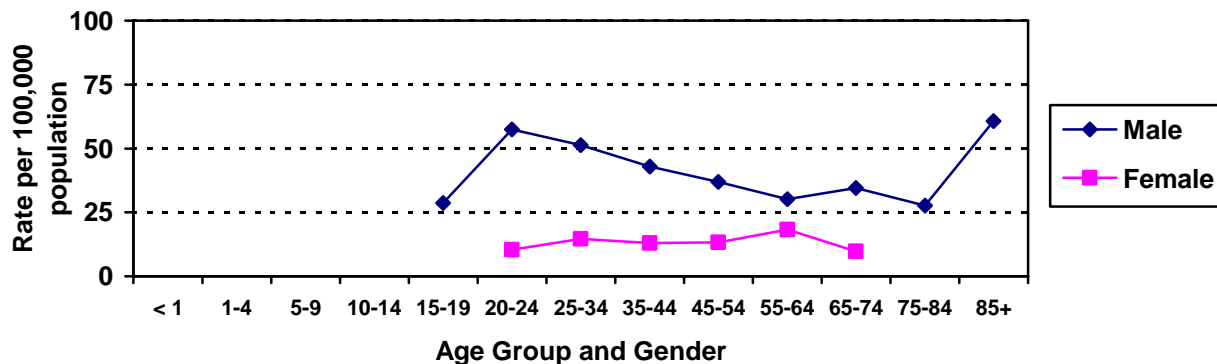


**Table 4: Age Group by Gender of Violent Death Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

	Male				Female				Total	
	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%
Age Group										
< 1	1	0.4	*	*	2	2.1	*	*	3	0.8
1 - 4	1	0.4	*	*	1	1.1	*	*	2	0.5
5 - 9	1	0.4	*	*	0	0	*	*	1	0.3
10 - 14	3	1.1	*	*	1	1.1	*	*	4	1.1
15 - 19	18	6.4	28.6	15.4 - 41.8	1	1.1	*	*	19	5.0
20 - 24	36	12.7	57.5	38.7 - 76.3	7	7.4	10.4	2.7 - 18.1	43	11.4
25 - 34	62	21.9	51.3	38.5 - 64.1	18	19.1	14.7	7.9 - 21.5	80	21.2
35 - 44	57	20.1	42.9	31.8 - 54.0	18	19.1	13.0	7.0 - 19.0	75	19.9
45 - 54	46	16.3	36.9	26.2 - 47.6	18	19.1	13.3	7.1 - 19.5	64	17.0
55 - 64	28	9.9	30.2	19.0 - 41.4	19	20.2	18.3	10.1 - 26.5	47	12.5
65 - 74	17	6.0	34.6	18.2 - 51.0	6	6.4	9.7	1.9 - 17.5	23	6.1
75 - 84	8	2.8	27.7	8.5 - 46.9	3	3.2	*	*	11	2.9
85 +	5	1.8	60.7	7.5 - 113.9	0	0	*	*	5	1.3
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>377</b>	<b>100</b>

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**Overall Violent Death Rates by Age Group and Gender of Victims,  
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## SECTION II: SUICIDE

Table 5: Gender, Race, and Age Group of Suicide Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
<b>Gender</b>					
	Male	150	72.5	20.2	17 - 23.4
	Female	57	27.5	6.9	5.1 - 8.7
<b>Race</b>					
	American Indian	3	1.4	*	*
	Asian	3	1.4	*	*
	Black	20	9.7	4.2	2.4 - 6.0
	White	181	87.4	17.6	15.0 - 20.2
<b>Hispanic</b>					
	Hispanic	6	2.9	8.0	1.6 - 14.4
	Non-Hispanic	201	97.1	13.5	11.6 - 15.4
<b>Age Group</b>					
	10 - 14	1	0.5	*	*
	15 - 19	5	2.4	3.8	0.5 - 7.1
	20 - 24	17	8.2	13.1	6.9 - 19.3
	25 - 34	35	16.9	14.4	9.6 - 19.2
	35 - 44	43	20.8	15.8	11.1 - 20.5
	45 - 54	38	18.4	14.6	9.9 - 19.3
	55 - 64	36	17.4	18.3	12.3 - 24.3
	65 - 74	18	8.7	16.2	8.7 - 23.7
	75 - 84	9	4.3	12.0	4.1 - 19.9
	85 +	5	2.4	17.4	2.1 - 32.7
<b>Total Deaths</b>		<b>207</b>	<b>100</b>		

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**Suicide Rates by Gender and Race,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

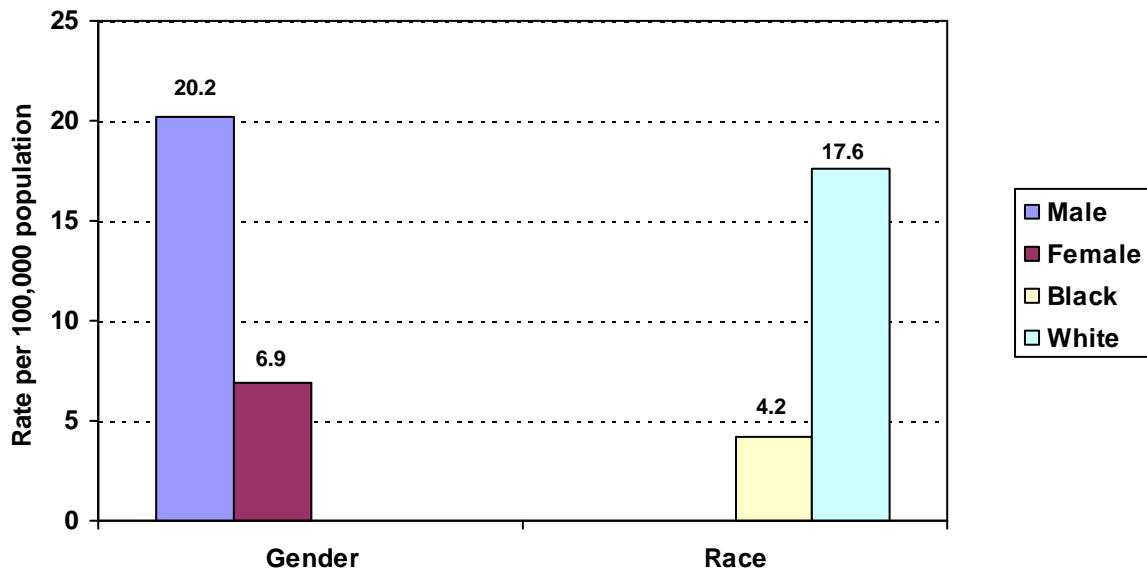
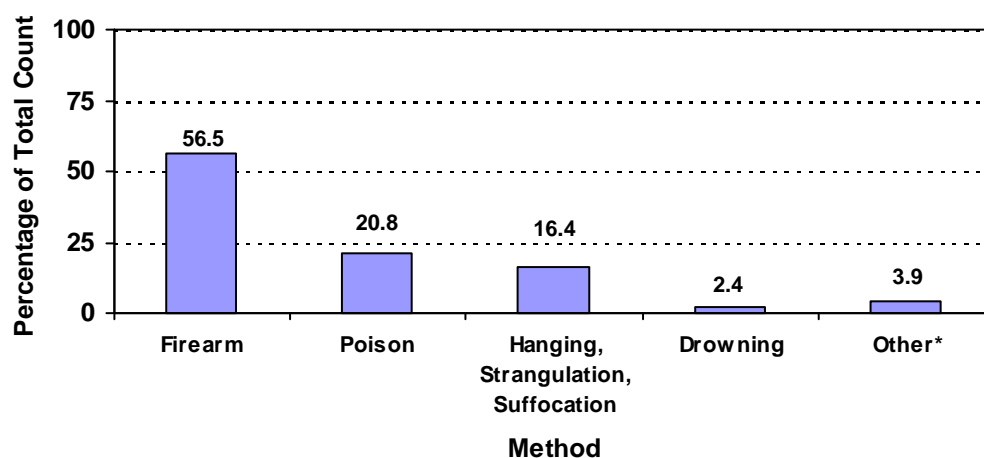


Table 6: Method of Death for Suicide Deaths in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007			
		Number	%
Method			
	Firearm	117	56.5
	Poisoning	43	20.8
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	34	16.4
	Sharp Instrument	5	2.4
	Fall	4	1.9
	Fire or Burns	2	1.0
	Other Transport Vehicle	2	1.0
<b>Total Deaths</b>		<b>207</b>	<b>100</b>

**Method of Death for Suicide Deaths,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**



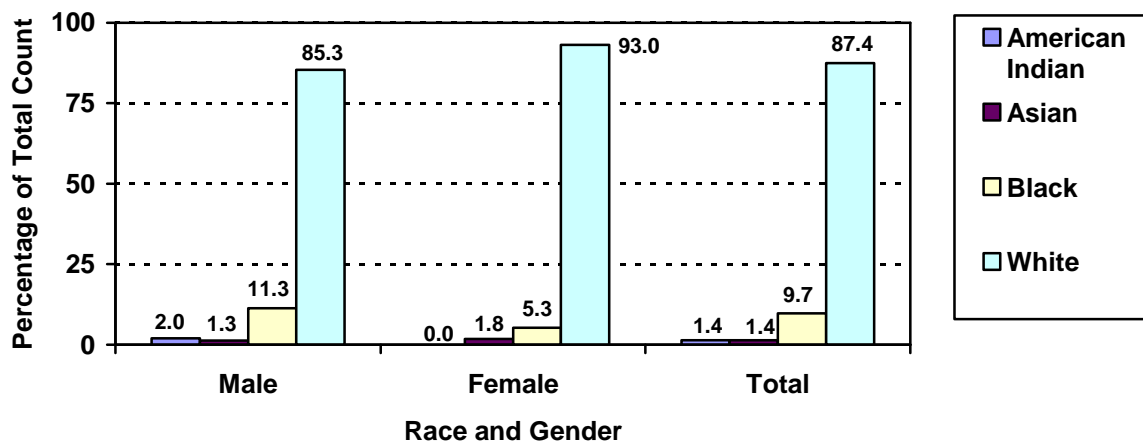
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**Table 7: Race by Gender of Suicide Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

	Male				Female				Total	
	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%
Race										
American Indian	3	2.0	*	*	0	0	*	*	3	1.4
Asian	2	1.3	*	*	1	1.8	*	*	3	1.4
Black	17	11.3	7.8	4.1 - 11.5	3	5.3	*	*	20	9.7
White	128	85.3	25.8	21.3 - 30.3	53	93.0	10.0	7.3 - 12.7	181	87.4

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**Race by Gender of Suicide Victims,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

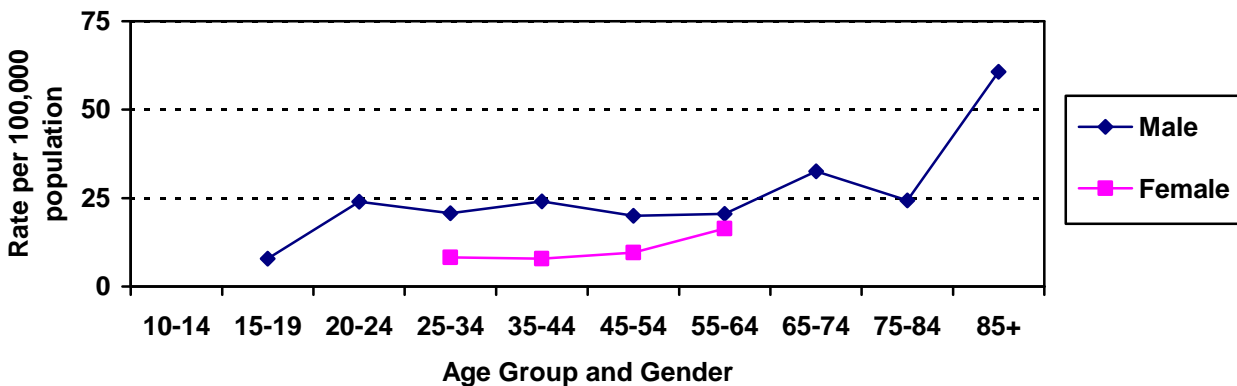


**Table 8: Age Group by Gender of Suicide Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

	Male				Female				Total	
	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%
Age Group										
10 - 14	1	0.7	*	*	0	0	*	*	1	0.5
15 - 19	5	3.3	7.9	0.9 - 14.9	0	0	*	*	5	2.4
20 - 24	15	10.0	24.0	11.9 - 36.1	2	3.5	*	*	17	8.2
25 - 34	25	16.7	20.7	12.6 - 28.8	10	17.5	8.2	3.1 - 13.3	35	16.9
35 - 44	32	21.3	24.1	15.8 - 32.4	11	19.3	7.9	3.2 - 12.6	43	20.8
45 - 54	25	16.7	20.0	12.1 - 27.9	13	22.8	9.6	4.4 - 14.8	38	18.4
55 - 64	19	12.7	20.5	11.3 - 29.7	17	29.8	16.4	8.6 - 24.2	36	17.4
65 - 74	16	10.7	32.6	16.7 - 48.5	2	3.5	*	*	18	8.7
75 - 84	7	4.7	24.3	6.3 - 42.3	2	3.5	*	*	9	4.3
85 +	5	3.3	60.7	7.5 - 113.9	0	0	*	*	5	2.4
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>207</b>	<b>100</b>

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**Suicide Rates by Age Group and Gender of Victims,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**



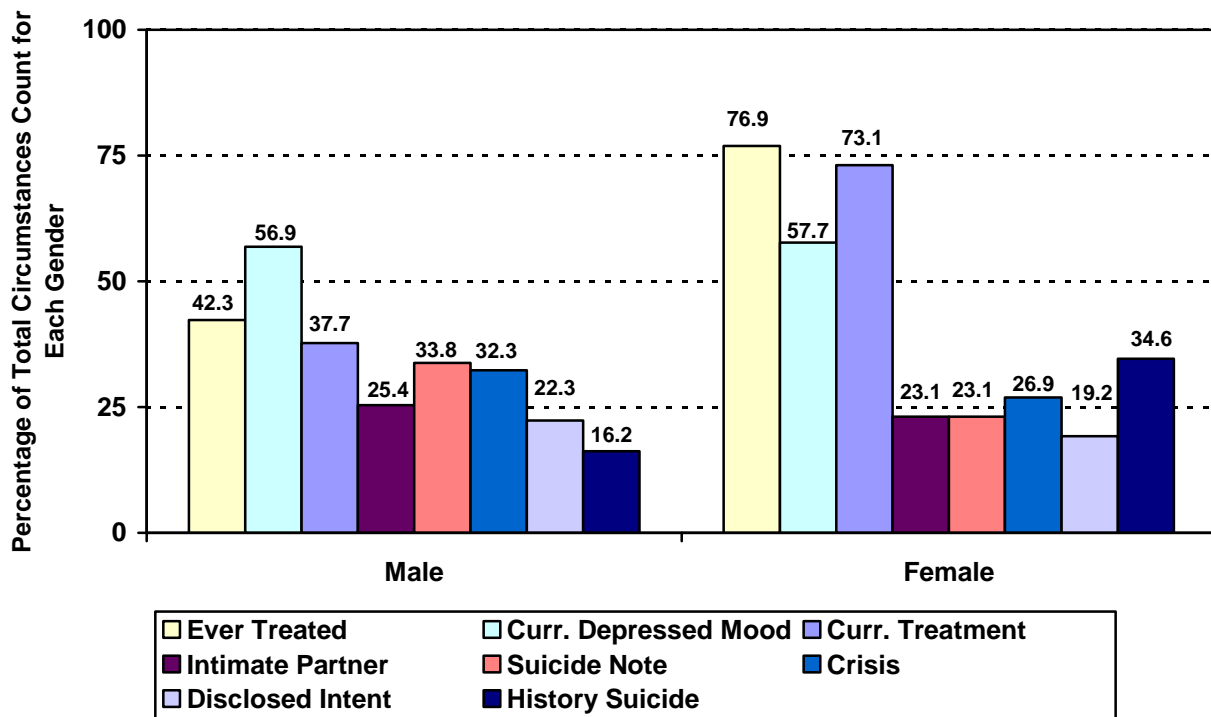
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**Table 9: Circumstances of Suicide Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Victim Circumstances</b>						
Current depressed mood	74	56.9	30	57.7	104	57.1
Current treatment for mental illness	49	37.7	38	73.1	87	47.8
Ever treated for mental illness	55	42.3	40	76.9	95	52.2
Alcohol problem	19	14.6	10	19.2	29	15.9
Other substance problem	13	10.0	8	15.4	21	11.5
Left a suicide note	44	33.8	12	23.1	56	30.8
Disclosed intent to commit suicide	29	22.3	10	19.2	39	21.4
History of suicide attempts	21	16.2	18	34.6	39	21.4
Crisis in past two weeks	42	32.3	14	26.9	56	30.8
Physical health problem	24	18.5	6	11.5	30	16.5
Intimate partner problem	33	25.4	12	23.1	45	24.7
Other relationship problem	13	10.0	4	7.7	17	9.3
Job problem	12	9.2	3	5.8	15	8.2
School problem	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial problem	11	8.5	2	3.8	13	7.1
Suicide of family or friend in past 5 years	3	2.3	0	0	3	1.6
Other death of friend/ family	3	2.3	1	1.9	4	2.2
Recent criminal/ legal problem	8	6.2	0	0	8	4.4
Other legal problems	1	0.8	1	1.9	2	1.1
Perpetrator of interpersonal violence in past month	6	4.6	1	1.9	7	3.8
Victim of interpersonal violence in past month	1	0.8	0	0	1	0.5

\* Circumstances are only available for 1,000 of the 1,085 suicide deaths where age was  $\geq 10$ . The denominator of the percentage is the total number of suicide victims for each gender category who had circumstance data available. Each suicide victim may have 0 to many circumstances.

**Circumstances by Gender for Suicide Victims,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**



\* Note: Multiple options are available therefore such responses add up to more than 100%. This figure does not include all circumstances.

Table 10: Mental Illnesses Under Treatment at the Time of Suicide in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007			
	Male	Female	Total
	Number	Number	Number
Mental Illness			
Depression/ Dysthymia	47	34	81
Bipolar Disorder	8	9	17
Anxiety Disorder	5	3	8
Schizophrenia	2	1	3

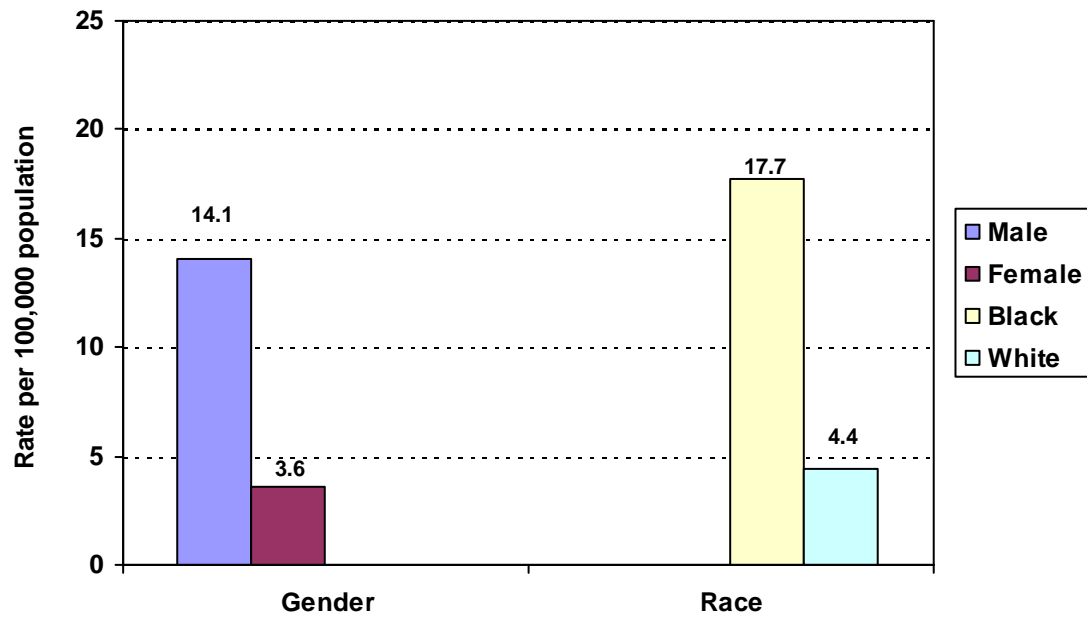
### SECTION III: HOMICIDE

Table 11: Gender, Race, and Age Group of Homicide Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
<b>Gender</b>					
	Male	122	78.2	14.1	11.6 - 16.6
	Female	34	21.8	3.6	2.4 - 4.8
<b>Race</b>					
	American Indian	1	0.6	*	*
	Asian	3	1.9	*	*
	Black	100	64.1	17.7	14.2 - 21.2
	White	51	32.7	4.4	3.2 - 5.6
	Other	1	0.6	*	*
<b>Hispanic</b>					
	Hispanic	16	10.3	16.1	8.2 – 24.0
	Non-Hispanic	140	89.7	8.2	6.8 - 9.6
<b>Age Group</b>					
	< 1	3	1.9	*	*
	1 - 4	2	1.3	*	*
	5 - 9	1	0.6	*	*
	10 - 14	3	1.9	*	*
	15 - 19	13	8.3	9.9	4.5 - 15.3
	20 - 24	23	14.7	17.7	10.5 - 24.9
	25 - 34	43	27.6	17.7	12.4 – 23.0
	35 - 44	31	19.9	11.4	7.4 - 15.4
	45 - 54	22	14.1	8.5	5.0 – 12.0
	55 - 64	9	5.8	4.6	1.6 - 7.6
	65 - 74	4	2.6	*	*
	75 - 84	2	1.3	*	*
	85 +	0	0	*	*
<b>Total Deaths</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>100</b>		

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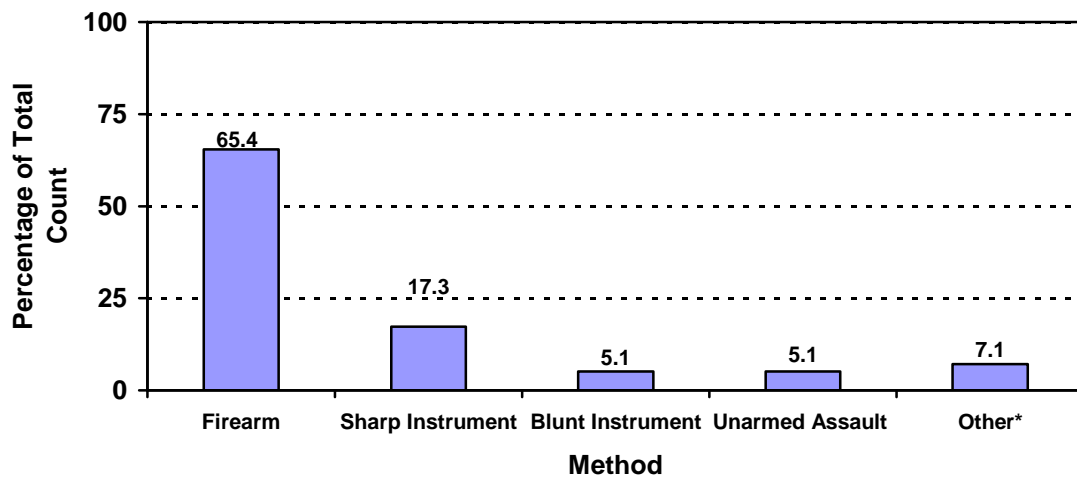
**Homicide Rates by Gender and Race,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**



**Table 12: Method of Death for Homicide Deaths in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

Method		Number	%
	Firearm	102	65.4
	Sharp Instrument	27	17.3
	Blunt Instrument	8	5.1
	Unarmed Assault	8	5.1
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	6	3.8
	Violent Shaking	2	1.3
	Drowning	1	0.6
	Poisoning	1	0.6
	Unknown	1	0.6
<b>Total Deaths</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>100</b>

**Method of Death for Homicide Deaths, Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**



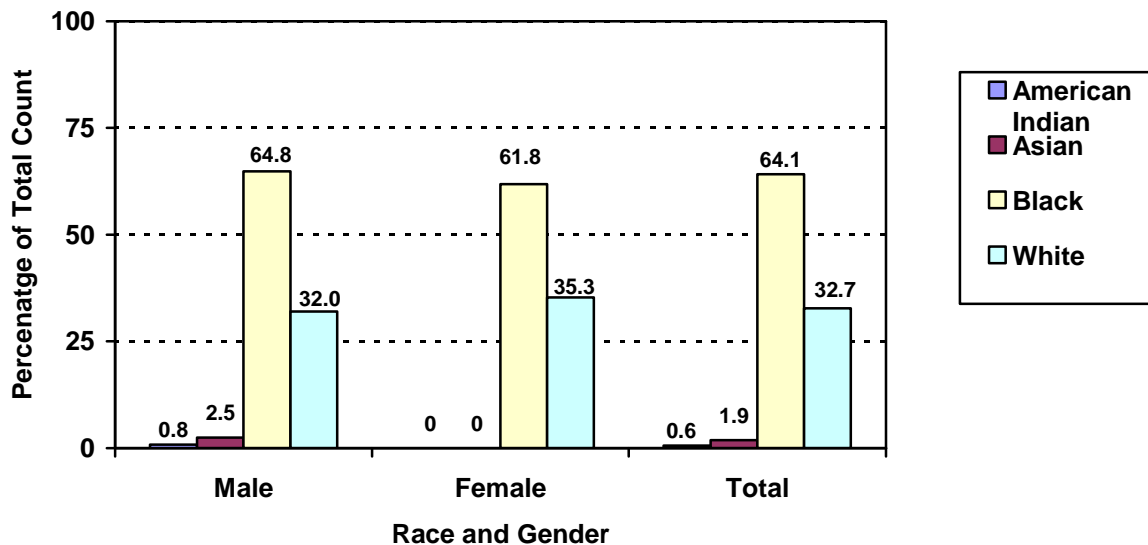
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**Table 13: Race by Gender of Homicide Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

	Male				Female				Total	
	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%
Race										
American Indian	1	0.8	*	*	0	0	*	*	1	0.6
Asian	3	2.5	*	*	0	0	*	*	3	1.9
Black	79	64.8	30.2	23.6 - 36.8	21	61.8	6.9	4.0 - 9.8	100	64.1
White	39	32.0	6.9	4.7 - 9.1	12	35.3	2.0	0.9 - 3.1	51	32.7
Other/ Unknown	0	0	*	*	1	2.9	*	*	1	0.6

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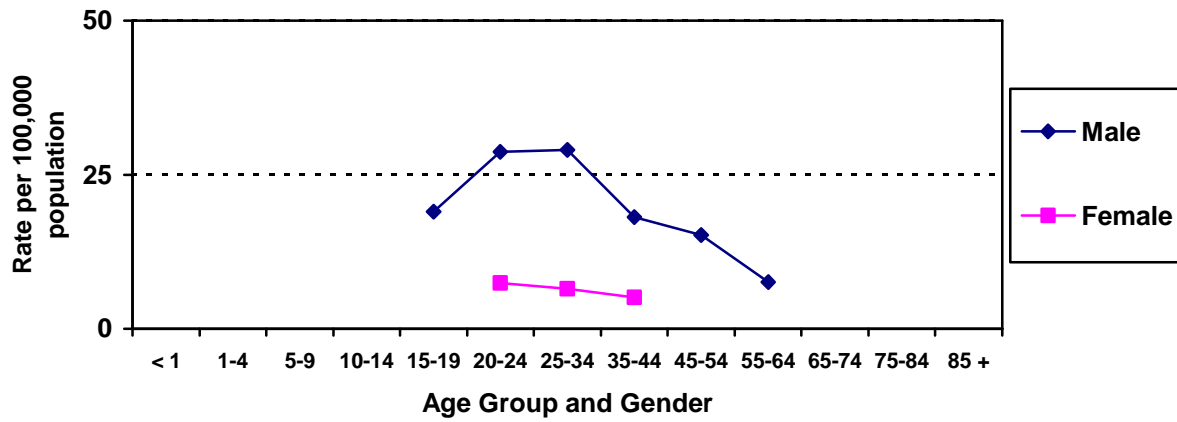
**Race by Gender of Homicide Victims,  
Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**



**Table 14: Age Group by Gender of Homicide Victims in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

	Male				Female				Total	
	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%	Rate	CI	Number	%
Age Group										
< 1	1	0.8	*	*	2	5.9	*	*	3	1.9
1 - 4	1	0.8	*	*	1	2.9	*	*	2	1.3
5 - 9	1	0.8	*	*	0	0	*	*	1	0.6
10 - 14	2	1.6	*	*	1	2.9	*	*	3	1.9
15 - 19	12	9.8	19.0	8.2 - 29.8	1	2.9	*	*	13	8.3
20 - 24	18	14.8	28.7	15.4 – 42.0	5	14.7	7.4	0.9 - 13.9	23	14.7
25 - 34	35	28.7	29.0	19.4 - 38.6	8	23.5	6.5	2.0 – 11.0	43	27.6
35 - 44	24	19.7	18.1	10.9 - 25.3	7	20.6	5.1	1.4 - 8.8	31	19.9
45 - 54	19	15.6	15.2	8.4 – 22.0	3	8.8	*	*	22	14.1
55 - 64	7	5.7	7.6	2.0 - 13.2	2	5.9	*	*	9	5.8
65 - 74	1	0.8	*	*	3	8.8	*	*	4	2.6
75 - 84	1	0.8	*	*	1	2.9	*	*	2	1.3
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>34</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>156</b>	<b>100</b>

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<b>Table 15: Circumstances of Homicides in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007</b>			
		<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Event Circumstances</b>			
	Other argument, abuse, or conflict	52	41.6
	Precipitated by another serious crime	45	36.0
	Intimate partner violence related	25	20.0
	Drug Involvement	20	16.0
	Argument over money or property	5	4.0
	Gang related	4	3.2
	Jealousy (lovers triangle)	3	2.4
<b>Victim Characteristics</b>			
	Victim used a weapon	8	6.4
	Victim was a bystander	1	0.8

\*The denominator of the percentage is the total number of homicide victims who had circumstance data available. Each homicide victim may have anywhere from zero to many circumstances.

<b>Table 16: Crimes Precipitating Homicides in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007</b>			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Crime</b>			
Robbery	21	3	24
Drug Trade	8	1	9
Burglary	6	3	9
Rape, Sexual Assault	0	4	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2	3
Assault, Homicide	2	1	3

**Table 17: Type of Weapon by Manner of Death in Guilford County, NC; 2004 - 2007**

Weapon Type	Manner of Death										Total	
	Suicide		Homicide		Unintentional Firearm		Legal Intervention		Undetermined Intent			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Firearm	117	56.5	102	65.4	1	100.0	3	100.0	3	30.0	226	59.9
Poisoning	43	20.8	1	0.6	0	0	0	0	4	40.0	48	12.7
Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	34	16.4	6	3.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	10.6
Sharp Instrument	5	2.4	27	17.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	8.5
Blunt Instrument	0	0	8	5.1	0	0	0	0	1	10.0	9	2.4
Unarmed Assault	0	0	8	5.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.1
Fall	4	1.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.1
Fire or Burns	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20.0	4	1.1
Violent Shaking	0	0	2	1.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
Other Transport Vehicle	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
Drowning	0	0	1	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Unknown	0	0	1	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Total Deaths	207	100	156	100	1	100	3	100	10	100	377	100

**Table 18: Type of Firearm by Manner of Death in Guilford County, NC; 2004 – 2007**  
***For Firearm Deaths Only***

Firearm Type	Manner of Death											
	Suicide		Homicide		Unintentional Firearm		Legal Intervention		Undetermined Intent		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Handgun	78	66.7	80	78.4	1	100.0	2	66.7	3	100.0	164	72.6
Rifle	17	14.5	5	4.9	0	0	1	33.3	0	0	23	10.2
Shotgun	18	15.4	4	3.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	9.7
Unknown Firearm Type	3	2.6	12	11.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	6.6
Other	1	0.9	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.9
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>100</b>



## **GLOSSARY**

Adult	Person was 18 years of age or older on date of death.
Child	Person was less than 18 years of age on date of death.
Legal intervention	Decedent was killed by a police officer or some other peace officer, including military police, acting in the line of duty. Includes legal executions.
Occurrent death	Death occurred in NC. Decedent may or may not have been a NC resident at the time of death.
Peace officer	Person with specified legal authority to use deadly force.
Rates	Calculated as count x 100,000/population.
Resident death	Victim was a NC resident at the time of death and the death occurred in NC. All deaths reported in this report are resident deaths.
Undetermined intent	A death resulting from the use of force or power against oneself or another person for which the evidence indicating the manner of death was not sufficient to determine intent.
Violent death	Intentional use of physical force or power against oneself, another person, or against a group or community. Deaths meeting this definition include suicides, homicides, and legal interventions.



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